

SENSATIONAL  
AIRCRAFT DUEL  
WON BY FRENCH

An Aeroplane Said to Have Crippled a Zeppelin by Firing Incendiary Bombs at a High Altitude Over the Sea Near Zeebrugge on Belgian Coast

SEVERAL ZEPPELINS  
VISITED ENGLAND

Austrians Claim to Have Recaptured Part of Col Di Lana, Which Was Recently Captured by the Italians—Sir Roger Casement Has Been Taken to London

There has been a halt in heavy infantry fighting in the vicinity of Dead Man's hill, but the Germans are vigorously employing their artillery in the region west of the Meuse, foreshadowing an early resumption of the battle by the infantry arm.

Paris also reports a sensational engagement two miles above the sea, off the Belgian coast, before daylight to-day between a French aeroplane and a Zeppelin. The aeroplane is believed to have damaged the German aircraft, at which nine incendiary shells were fired.

General military compulsion is foreshadowed in Great Britain unless the unattested married men come forward in sufficient numbers to satisfy the military needs. A secret session of Parliament developed this situation yesterday. Premier Asquith stating that the government would ask Parliament for compulsory power unless by May 27 men to the number of 50,000 had attested or if thereafter 15,000 were not secured each week by direct enlistment until the total had reached 200,000.

Sir Roger Casement, leader of the separatist faction in Ireland, who was captured on the Irish coast while making an attempt to land arms, may be tried for high treason. The fact that he has been taken to London to stand trial leads to this assumption in the British capital.

After conferring with James W. Gerard, the American ambassador at Berlin, Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, with Admiral Von Hozendorf, chief of naval staff, has left for the German headquarters to consult Emperor William on the reply to the American note.

Part of Col di Lana on the Austro-Italian front, recently taken by the Italians, has been recaptured by the Austrians, Vienna says.

Paris, April 26.—A French aeroplane and a Zeppelin fought a duel at an altitude of 4,000 metres off Zeebrugge to-day. The Zeppelin appeared to have been damaged from incendiary shells.

London, April 26.—Hostile airships raided the counties of Essex and Kent Tuesday night, according to an official statement.

"The number of raiders is uncertain," the communication adds, "but they did not exceed four. The raiders were met by a brisk anti-aircraft gun fire and retreated after achieving little or nothing."

AVOCOURT WOOD  
AND HILL NO. 304  
BOMBARDED

French Positions Were Subjected to German Attack and There Was Also a Big Gun Bombardment in Woerve District.

Paris, April 26.—The French positions on the Verdun front, west of the Meuse, were bombarded by the Germans last night. The attack centered on the Avocourt-wood and the first line trenches of Hill No. 304. In the Woerve there was a big gun bombardment.

MARTIAL LAW  
IS PROCLAIMED  
IN DUBLIN COUNTY

Military Forces Have Occupied Liberty Hall, the Headquarters of Rebels, and Also Stephen Hall, Which Was Seized by Them.

London, April 26.—Liberty hall, the headquarters of the Dublin rebels, and Stephen Green, which was captured by them, have been occupied by the military. Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons to-day. Martial law has been proclaimed in the city and the county of Dublin. Troops have arrived from Belfast. Steps to arrest all those concerned in the movement are being made, Premier Asquith said.

An official statement issued last night reads as follows:

London, April 26.—An official communication concerning the trouble in Dublin, Ireland, was issued last evening. It says:

"At noon yesterday serious disturbances broke out in Dublin. A large party of men identified with the Sinn

Fein party, mostly armed, occupied Stephens' Green and took possession forcibly of the postoffice, where they cut the telegraph and telephone wires. Houses also were occupied in Stephens' Green, Sackville street, Abbey street, and along the quays.

"In the course of the day soldiers arrived from the Curragh and the situation is now well in hand. So far as is known here, three military officers, four or five soldiers, two Loyal Volunteers and two policemen have been killed, and four or five military officers and seven or eight soldiers and six volunteers wounded. No exact information has been received of the casualties on the Sinn Feiners.

"Reports received from Cork, Limerick, Antrim, Tralee and both Ridings of Tipperary show that no disturbances of any kind occurred in these localities."

## OPPOSITION DEVELOPS.

To Another Trial of Voluntary Enlistment System.

London, April 26.—The government scheme to give voluntary enlistment system another trial, as explained in the secret session of Parliament yesterday, has not met with approval. Sir Edward Carson again has given notice of his intention to move a resolution demanding equal sacrifices from all men of military age.

LEAVING GERMANY,  
AMERICANS HAVE  
DIFFICULTIES

Many of Them Are Finding Trouble in Getting Into Switzerland Because the Baden Frontier Has Been Closed Since Monday.

Geneva, Switzerland, April 25, via Paris, April 26.—The German newspapers are now taking a more serious view of the German-American situation. They say that Emperor William is expected to return to Berlin from general headquarters. In the meantime Americans attempting to leave Germany via Switzerland are encountering difficulties. Many of them have been held up at Constance, the Baden frontier having been closed since yesterday.

## LANSING URGES CAUTION

Concerning Publication of Unfounded Reports from Berlin.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—Secretary Lansing in a conference yesterday with newspaper correspondents, deprecated the publication of reports that official dispatches to the state department from Ambassador Gerard indicated that Germany might make concessions to the United States in reply to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of present methods of conducting submarine warfare. He said official dispatches to the department from Berlin contained only quotations of newspaper opinions, similar in many cases to the editorial excerpts cabled to this country in press dispatches.

It is felt here that stories indicating that Germany might make certain concessions and that the German government was willing to go to great lengths to preserve the friendly relations with the United States might find their way back to Germany in distorted form, and have such an effect upon the German people as to make more difficult the announcement of any policy involving additional restrictions upon the use of submarines.

The internal political situation in Germany always has been extremely delicate when questions involving submarine policy were under consideration.

## CLOSED FOR 20 DAYS.

German-Swiss Frontier Even Impassable to the Mails.

Paris, April 26.—The German-Swiss frontier has been closed since Monday afternoon, even to the mails, says a dispatch to Matin from Berne. Foreigners now in Germany have been informed that none will be allowed to leave the country for twenty days.

## MAY DENY NO LONGER.

That a German Submarine Torpedoed the Steamer Sussex.

Berne, Switzerland, April 26.—The Bund which has exceptional sources of information in regard to German affairs says it is probable the German government will not maintain any longer that the steamer Sussex was not torpedoed by a German submarine.

ROOSEVELT TICKET  
WAS DEFEATED  
IN BAY STATE

Delegation to Republican State Convention Will Be Unpledged as the Result of the Presidential Primary.

Boston, April 26.—Thirty-two of the 38 Massachusetts Republican delegates to the Chicago convention, including McCall, Lodge, Weeks and Crane, are unpledged. McCall led the unpledged ticket with 62,775. Cushing led the Roosevelt ticket with 46,235.

When the results became apparent last night Governor McCall said: "I am naturally gratified that the unpledged delegates were elected. The campaign has been conducted without rancor, and I feel sure that it will have no ill effects upon the party."

Charles Sumner Bird said: "I have nothing to say to-night."

Grafton D. Cushing said: "We have apparently been defeated. The vote was light. Whether the people are not feeling heroic, or whether the issue was confused, I do not know. I hope that the national convention will nominate Roosevelt and give the country an efficient and forcible administration, and I regret that I shall not be there to help on the patriotic movement."

Congressman Gardner gave out this statement: "It is a pity that the vote was so light. Still, if it had been heavy, the unpledged delegates would have been elected just the same. They are all distinguished men, while the Roosevelt delegates are much less well known. If, however, the ballot had afforded the voters an opportunity to vote directly for the presidential candidate whom they preferred, I am convinced that Roosevelt would have defeated his nearest competitor, probably Justice Hughes, by 15,000 votes."

RESUME  
PURSUIT

American Troops Are Whipping the Mountains Near Parral

WHERE VILLA IS  
REPORTED HIDING

Col. Dodd's Detachment Has Been in Another Engagement

Field headquarters, Namiquipa, Chihuahua, April 25, via wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 26.—Several detachments of American troops have resumed active pursuit of Villa and are whipping the mountains north and west of Parral, where the bandit chief is reported to be hiding.

El Paso, Tex., April 26.—Reports received here said that Colonel Dodd's detachment had an engagement several days ago, in which both sides suffered losses. It is not indicated whether the battle was with Villa bandits or with Carranza troops.

Information regarding the battle came in a private dispatch but it gave no information where the battle took place.

The conference between Major-General Scott and General Obregon is expected to take place the latter part of next week.

San Antonio, Tex., April 26.—General Scott and General Obregon have arranged to leave for El Paso to-night to meet General Obregon.

## HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHFIELD.

Inspector-Instructor of Vermont National Guard to Transfer.

Burlington, April 26.—First Lieutenant J. C. Waterman, U. S. A., inspector-instructor of the Vermont National Guard, will move his headquarters from Burlington about the first of next month, in order that he may be located near the colonel of the regiment, President Ira L. Reavis of Norwich university. Sergeant Instructor Charles Steele, U. S. A., who has been at the Burlington headquarters for some time, will also go to Northfield.

The summer plans for the Vermont National Guard include an officers' school, which will be conducted at Northfield from July 1 to 10 by Lieutenant Waterman, and, instead of the usual camp on the state reservation near Fort Ethan Allen, a practice march of the entire regiment from Bethel to White River Junction and elaborate maneuvers at the state fair in September. Major G. E. Carpenter of Northfield has been appointed captain and Captain W. P. Springer of Northfield, coach of the state rifle team, which will participate in the annual rifle tournament next fall. The team will be picked by a series of elimination shoots during the summer and fall, the final selection being postponed until just before the tournament.

## STRIKE AT BELLOWS FALLS.

About 30 Men and Girls Want 9-Hour Work Day.

Bellows Falls, April 26.—A walk-out took place yesterday at the box shop of the Bogert & Hopper company. About 30 men and girls demanded nine hours' work each day with 10 hours' pay. The demands were refused. W. G. Moody, local manager for the company, said that the company would give the help Saturday afternoon off during the summer months, making a 54 instead of a 58-hour week, and said those who had walked out had been informed that this would be done.

It is said that some of the help went to the plant of the Vermont Farm Machine company following the walk-out and when they asked for employment were informed that there were no openings available. The latter company is manufacturing shells for the allies and organizers for the machinists' union have been here for the past two months trying to organize the plant. It is said they have met with indifferent success.

## RECLAIMED BODY HIS BROTHER'S.

Winoski Fisherman Made a Startling Discovery—Victim Two Years Old.

Winoski, April 26.—While fishing in the Winoski river yesterday afternoon, Joseph Parrott saw a child's body floating and he called to Clarence Kirby who was fishing from a boat nearby. The latter made his way to Parrott and was horrified to discover the body was that of his own brother, Ralph Kenneth Kirby, aged two years. The body was taken to the home of the child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kirby, and efforts were made to resuscitate him, but in vain. The boy had just wandered away from home, and Mrs. Kirby had been out looking for him when the body was brought in. When the child fell into the river he evidently struck some rocks.

There are six other children in the family, five boys and one girl.

## 400 CATTLE BURNED.

Brighton Stock Yard Beef Building Was Destroyed.

Boston, April 26.—The beef building at the Brighton stock yards containing 400 head of cattle was burned last night at an estimated loss of over \$80,000. The police have indicated that the fire was of incendiary origin, and two men who were seen to drive away shortly before the alarm was given were sought.

The stock yards are owned by the Boston and Albany railroad and are leased to the New England Dressed Beef Co.

The financial secretary of the Knights of Columbus will be at the Knights of Columbus club every Wednesday and Friday evening from 7 to 9, to collect dues.

CABOT WOMAN  
TOLD OF SECRET  
MEETINGS

Mrs. Charlotte Phelps, Was the Principal Witness in \$10,000 Alienation Case Brought by Frank C. Phelps Against Charles Utley.

Cross examination of Mrs. Charlotte Phelps, the wife of the plaintiff, and the principal witness in the \$10,000 alienation suit brought by Frank C. Phelps against Charles Utley, a Cabot lumber manufacturer, was finished by Attorney R. E. Brown at 10 o'clock this forenoon in Washington county court, the examination having commenced late yesterday afternoon. Two other unimportant witnesses preceded Mrs. Phelps on the stand yesterday afternoon and then for nearly three hours the woman told, on direct examination, of her relations with the defendant, relations which commenced back in 1912 and continued until last November, when the suit was brought, and she testified she admitted to her husband the affairs which had been a secret between herself and Utley.

The witness told of having accepted an invitation one evening back in 1912, extended by the defendant, to take a ride in his automobile. They were gone from Cabot with Utley and stayed to her stated, on cross examination, were not favorably received.

Mrs. Phelps told of other meetings which occurred in the summer of 1914 and again in October and November of 1915, when she met Utley in the woods near the village. During this intimacy, the witness testified, Utley repeatedly told her that Mr. Phelps was endeavoring to get rid of her and that her husband was having immoral relations with other women. Witness testified that she believed what Utley told her.

The witness also testified that Utley had tried to get her to take trips with him to St. Johnsbury and other places. She had refused.

Mrs. Phelps said that her husband had been jealous since 1912 but that on the advice of Utley she had denied any relations with Utley and stuck to her story.

On cross examination she said that it was several days after she came to Montpelier with her husband and papers were made out for the suit that she told her husband the truth and gave him dates of her meetings with Utley.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have three small children and are still residing in Cabot. Mr. Utley is married and carries on a lumber business in that village. He is said to be fairly wealthy and purchased several years ago a sawmill from the plaintiff. Utley was not in court yesterday but occupied a seat to-day with his attorneys.

The jury hearing the evidence follows: A. M. Robinson, M. M. Goodell, Vern Clayton, M. S. Hebert, Charles L. Holton, John Holland, T. J. Farrell, J. W. Averill, John P. Lee, Carroll Wheeler, Guy H. Howe and B. E. Sanders.

## JUDGE STANTON LEFT BENCH.

Petitioner in Divorce Case Was School Worker in Roxbury with Him.

Burlington, April 26.—Because he had been school superintendent in Roxbury when the petitioner in the divorce suit of Frank P. Davis vs. Grace H. Davis was a school teacher, Judge Zed Stanton withdrew as presiding judge of the case in Chittenden county court in favor of Judge Leighton P. Slack yesterday afternoon, basing his act on a desire to give both parties the utmost fairness and not on any legal disqualification.

The suit was brought on the ground of insanity. The case had once previously been interrupted when a motion for continuance was made on the ground that the petitioner had not shown the final disposition of an annulment suit instituted in the courts of Nebraska. Judge Stanton finally decided to hear the testimony of the witnesses in the case and reserve decision pending the filing of a certified copy of the court record showing the disposition of the Nebraska suit. The case had hardly more than been resumed when Judge Stanton discovered that Mrs. Davis was a former school teacher in Roxbury when he was superintendent.

Henry Bedard and Henry L. Muir, two young men who pleaded guilty a short time ago to information filed against them by State's Attorney Theodore A. Hopkins, charging them with stealing copper wire from the tracks of the Burlington Traction company on the Vinooki road, were sentenced to serve not less than two nor more than three years at the house of correction in Rutland. Upon recommendation of Mr. Hopkins, the court suspended the sentence and placed Bedard and Muir in charge of the probation officer, A. L. Sherman. Judge Stanton gave the young men some excellent advice regarding their proper conduct in the future and the seriousness of their offense.

F. W. Perry of Burlington was appointed receiver of the Richmond Light and Power company, in the foreclosure suit of the Burlington Savings bank against that organization, and his bond was fixed at \$20,000. The divorce case of E. Belle Thibault vs. Hays vs. Thomas E. Hays and of Ethel W. Carpenter vs. Edward Carpenter, were heard and taken under consideration by the court.

## TWO SUSPECTS CAUGHT.

Sheriff Mann of Brattleboro Arrested the Pair.

Brattleboro, April 26.—Sheriff C. F. Mann brought in last night Frank Guegnon and Nicholas Shingla who were wanted in connection with the stabbing affray yesterday morning when Albert G. Vernott, 22, received a terrible wound in the abdomen.

Sheriff Mann caught the two men four miles from Brattleboro, at Boston & Main train in Hinsdale, N. H. They admitted the assault, claiming that Vernott had been bothering Guegnon and that Vernott had challenged Guegnon Monday night to fight.

Shingla claimed that he did not enter the fight until Michael Little started to interfere and that when Shingla stepped in to help his friend Vernott hit him. He has a discolored eye. The knife they threw into the river yesterday morning. They had been on the hillside opposite Brattleboro all day watching the officers and other searches. They were taken to Newfane jail last night to await the outcome of Vernott's injuries.

FAILED TO HEED  
THE WARNINGS

Cassius A. Pratt, Prominent Milton Man, Killed by a Train

STEPPED BEFORE CARS  
ON A CROSSING

The Trainmen Made Frantic Efforts to Tell Him of Danger

Milton, April 26.—Failing to heed the warning of several persons, Cassius A. Pratt, aged 67 years and a longtime prominent resident of this town, was struck and instantly killed by a Central Vermont freight train which was shifting cars in the local railroad yard at 8:45 this morning. The fatality happened on the Main street crossing.

A south-bound freight train was passing over the crossing when Mr. Pratt approached from the east. He stopped in front of some cars which were being pushed north by the way freight and the trainmen, seeing his danger, made frantic efforts to warn him, but to no avail. The way freight was in charge of Conductor Gilman and Engineer Donnelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt had just returned from Milton on Crescent City, Fla., where they had been spending the winter, and they were getting their house in this village in readiness for occupancy again.

On their way northward they had stopped with one of their daughters, Mrs. Mann, in New York City. Besides his wife, and the daughter mentioned, he leaves two other daughters, Mrs. J. A. Drew of Rumney, N. H., and Mrs. Porter Pierpont of Savannah, Ga. For many years Mr. Pratt conducted a general store in this village but retired some years ago. He had held practically all the offices of the town. Mr. Pratt was well known to the summer campers at Camp Rich, where he had a cottage.

BELLOWS FALLS MAN  
IS N. E. O. P. HEAD

Thomas J. Bagley Elected Warden at the Annual Convention, Which Was Held in Burlington.

Burlington, April 26.—Thomas J. Bagley of Bellows Falls was elected warden of the grand lodge of Vermont, New England Order of Protection, at the annual convention held here yesterday. Other officers chosen are as follows: Vice-warden, L. A. Bullock of Northfield; junior past warden, Henry D. Ellmore of Bennington; secretary, E. W. Cranell of Burlington; treasurer, F. G. Howland of Barre; chaplain, Mrs. Mary J. Roberts of Springfield; guide, W. E. Green of Bennington; guardian, Miss Anna B. Conlin of Rutland; sentinel, Leon Mixer of Brattleboro; trustees, T. B. Green, T. B. Ellis of Morrisville and B. J. Stewart of Montpelier; chairman of finance committee, H. A. Young of West Danville; chairman of committee on laws, C. T. S. Pierce of Vergennes; chairman of committee on appeals, L. G. Burnham of Burlington; chairman of committee on credentials, Mrs. Olive A. Brown of St. Johnsbury. The officers were installed by Supreme Warden Arthur M. Willis, assisted by J. P. Sanborn of Newport, R. I., as grand guardian.

The reports of the officers showed that there are 27 lodges in this state with a total membership of 2,138. During the past year there have been 24 deaths, with a total of \$65,000 paid in insurance. The grand lodge of Vermont was formed 27 years ago and since that time there has been a total amount of \$618,500 paid into this state. The order now has \$2,599,000 of insurance in effect.

## GRAIN HOUSE IN TROUBLE.

Griswold & MacKennon of St. Johnsbury Are Hard Pressed.

St. Johnsbury, April 26.—The firm of Griswold & MacKennon, one of the best known wholesale grain houses in Vermont, is in financial straits and a meeting of its creditors, chiefly banks in this section, was called for to-day to determine upon a course of procedure.

In the meantime, David E. Porter and Robert W. Simonds, counsel for the firm, are in charge of affairs and conducting the business.

It is thought that the amount involved will be nearly \$150,000. On account of the banks refusing to extend further credit the firm has been unable to continue. The causes set forth are the great jump in prices owing to war conditions and the necessity of filling orders which were received at the old prices for future delivery. They have also lost heavily on account of the railroad embargo; it is expected that a receiver will be appointed either to continue the business and straighten out affairs or to close it up.

Captain E. F. Griswold, the senior member of the firm, is one of St. Johnsbury's oldest business men. He has recently returned from Montreal, where he underwent an operation on his eyes, but the nervous shock incident to the impending failure of his concern has caused a complete breakdown and he is now in Brightwood hospital, suffering total blindness.

## A GRUESOME FIND.

Disembodied Body of Premature Child at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, April 26.—The authorities are investigating a gruesome find in the Catholic cemetery, the disembodied body of a premature child. Some children playing in the cemetery came across a rough wooden box containing the body. The head and arms had been removed and the body was partly decomposed. Health Officer F. S. Harriman is investigating the case.

## NO LICENSE PLATE SHOWN.

Barre Autoist Was Fined in City Court for Lack.

Joseph E. Marchetti appeared in city court this morning as the first alleged violator of the automobile laws to be arrested in 1916. Marchetti was arrested by Chief Sinclair yesterday on a complaint made to Grand Juror William Wisnart, charging him with operating a car without a number plate attached thereto. The respondent, pleading guilty to the charge, is said to have stated that the number plate was on the front seat of the car. Magistrate H. W. Scott imposed a fine of \$3 and costs.

Under the juvenile act Lloyd Edson, aged 13, who resided until recently on Foster street, was brought into court to answer to a charge of breaking windows and committing other depredations. Edson's story involved other lads and Judge Scott continued the case until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when other alleged offenders were expected to appear. H. O. Camp, a real estate agent, testified as to damage done in a certain house on Foster street. The lad's father, who was totally blind, interceded in his son's behalf.

Joseph A. Brunelle of Montpelier, listed in the Barre court records as an habitual drunkard, pleaded guilty to being intoxicated and was sentenced to pay a \$15 fine and costs and to serve 30 days in the county jail. Brunelle was arrested on North Main street last night by Officer David Henderson.

## BARRE LADIES HOSTESSES.

Entertained Montpelier Ladies at Howland Hall.

Members of the Barre Woman's club played the part of hostesses yesterday afternoon to their guests, the Woman's club of Montpelier. About 125 women were present. The hall presented a springlike aspect by means of plants and flowers. White hyacinths, pink tulips and Easter lilies were used effectively. Yellow jonquils and ferns decorated the serving table, where Mrs. George Bond and Mrs. D. S. Waterman presided. The whole affair was in charge of Mrs. Robert Q. McDonnell, Mrs. E. T. Mower and Mrs. N. D. Phelps.

The program began with a piano duet by Mrs. Nelson Ballard and Miss Mildred Phelps, followed by three groups of songs by T. J. Waterman, a reading from Browning by Miss Safford of the Goddard faculty, and violin selections by Mrs. Edwin Bruce. All the performers were received with enthusiasm, especially Mr. Waterman, who proved himself to be a true vocal artist.

Mr. Waterman sang in a church in Burlington, but spends a day or two every week in giving lessons in Barre and Montpelier. Perhaps his most pleasing selections were "Mother o' Mine," "Somewhere a Voice Is Calling" and "Morning." He was accompanied by Mrs. E. J. Batchelder.

PROPOSE MORE LIGHT  
FOR DEPOT SQUARE

Matter Was Considered by the Board of Aldermen Last Evening—Sinking Fund Also Became Subject for Conversation.

Darkest Depot square is to be relieved of the opprobrious adjective that has seemed to grow on it like a handle to a gourd if the aldermanic lighting committee, acting under instructions from the board of aldermen, sees fit to recommend improvements that are desired by residents of that much frequented little esplanade. When W. H. Messer, representing abutting land owners on Richardson street, appeared before the aldermen at their regular session last week with a request for more light, the petition was referred to the lighting committee and then the talk drifted to benighted conditions in other parts of the city. For obvious reasons, Depot square was held up as a paradoxically shining example of a field where much may be achieved in the way of introducing artificial light, and the discussion culminated in the action already mentioned.

Something of the camaraderie that has developed among the city fathers in their not infrequent conferences over the sinking fund would have been missing if that much discussed topic had been ignored last night. So it happened that after Mayor Gordon was called to preside over a council meeting, the question of depositing the big money was brought up. No action was taken, but to quote a phrase that often recurs in the more bromidic of European dispatches just now, "the situation is developing." "That mob of gentlemen called the press," if another pair of quotes may be spared, was called to task for printing some of the proceedings of the executive session extraordinary last Friday evening. A statement was deferred. It was hinted that a dictagraph may have been used to bring the people's business before the people and then again, the leak was ascribed by one lexicographer to a "squelograph."

South Barre has a vision of preparedness in the matter of fire protection and to the end that something may be done in the near future, some of its citizens, through Alderman Healy, asked the council to quote them a price on three hydrants to be supplied with water through the city mains. It was indicated that the village might expect the city to purchase and install the hydrants and furnish water for a stated rental per annum. No one seemed to have a very definite idea of what the job would be worth and so the request was referred to the fire and water committees with instructions to investigate and report.

A. Tomasi and his contractor, A. B. Lane, called on the council to ascertain whether a permit is to be granted for the extension of his building front on North Main street. He was informed that the council voted last week to turn down the request for a permit. Interrogated as to his opinion, Building Inspector Rand reminded the council of the danger involved in permitting abutting block owners to extend their structures too near the street. Mr. Tomasi, having entered a counter request for a restoration of the grade on Merchant street, there followed a general discussion of conditions near the corner of North Main and Merchant streets. Mr. Tomasi offered to build a concrete sidewalk from the corner to the end of his property line if the city will raise the grade. It was thought advisable to get a bit more first-hand information in that neighborhood with the result that the aldermanic committee of the town hall decided to gather on the corner this afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. By that time, it is

## WILSON'S NAME ALONE.

Will Appear on the Ballot for the Vermont Primary.

Essex Junction, April 26.—Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey announced last night that the only written assent of a candidate for the presidency of the United States received by him was from President Woodrow Wilson. The latter's name will, therefore, be the only one printed on the ballots to be used at the preferential primaries May 16. The date for filing such assents expired last night. Three parties will be represented on the ballots: Republican, Democratic and national Progressive. Voters of the first and last named parties will have the opportunity of writing in their preferences in the blank spaces provided, while Mr. Wilson's supporters will find his name printed, as the Democratic candidate.

WAS BATTERED  
ABOUT HEAD  
AND MAY DIE

Elmer Washburn, Suffering from Concussion of the Brain and a Broken Skull, Was Found in Bethel Early This Morning and Foul Play Is Suspected

HAIR AND BEARD WERE  
MATTED WITH BLOOD

State's Attorney B. E. Cole of Windsor Has Taken Charge of the Case—Washburn Was a Farm Hand Employed on Haraden Place, Three Miles from the Village

Bethel, April 26.—With his jaw broken and suffering from concussion of the brain, Elmer Washburn, a middle-aged man and a lifelong resident of this town, was found unconscious early this morning near the Central Vermont railroad tracks in this village. He is not expected to live, and the authorities are working on the theory that he met with foul play during the night.

The place where Washburn was found was near the lumber yard. It is supposed that he had lain there during the greater part of the night, as he was seen in and about the village last evening. Constable Fred Putnam, who was called, ordered Washburn carried to the office of Dr. Greene, where an examination was held. The man's hair and beard were matted with blood.

The injuries were so serious that little hope of recovery was held out, and it was said he might live but a short time. State's Attorney B. E. Cole of Windsor was notified, and several clues are being followed.

Washburn was employed as a farm hand at the place of Philo Haraden on the road leading from this village to Randolph and located about three miles from Bethel.

## BECOMING CITIZENS.

Applicants Presented Themselves Before F. S. Platt in Barre.

Naturalization court, convening in the council chamber at city hall this morning at 9:30 o'clock, adjourned an hour later to the city court room, after the morning session of municipal court came to an end. A number of candidates for citizenship were on hand and there were plenty of indications that the court would put in a busy day. Clerk F. S. Platt of Rutland was accompanied to the city by United States Marshal Allen F. Carpenter of Brattleboro. Deputy Marshal George C. Lackey of Montpelier, Bailiff James Haley of Montpelier and the intermediary, Charles DeF. Bancroft, Misses Pine and Holton acted as assistants.

To-day's session of naturalization court in Barre was the first in several months and many applicants of the first and second class, it was expected, would appear before final adjournment.

Twenty persons appeared before Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court at the federal building in Montpelier yesterday afternoon and evening. 11 of the number taking the first step toward becoming citizens of this country by being granted the first naturalization papers and nine applied for the final papers.